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Literary Institution.

Berea, Madison Co., Ky., May 13 1866

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Dear Bro Garrison I am requested by our executive comm to write to you

The object in sending to you the enclosed circular is to advertise you and men of like position of what we are doing. If you approve and deem it wise to give your name to a short letter of commendation, that short letter is purpose to attach to another circular, and with these go forth to the benevolent public

We propose to have here a first class school, and wish to have such facilities that we can offer board & tuition on terms low as possible to white & colored

We have now about fifty pupils nearly equally divided as to color

We have a charter — also 109 acres of land for benefit of the school,, Our board of trustees were elected in view of an anti-Caste issue. They are of one mind

Even a majority of the white votes in the school district as cast for trustees, even of the district school, were for those who were in favor of opening the district school house to us until we could build another & put in as we do white & colored

There are within this county near five thousand colored people We expect white pupils from the "Mountain counties"

We wish to put education within their reach.

I need not say to you it is not only Christian, but nationally, patriotically expedient that we allay all partisan, caste or race feeling, and that in no way can we do this so effectively as to educate the youth and educate them _together_

Were it not for this principle of our school & my previous obligation to the brethren here to help carry out now what we _begun years since_, I should have gone to Camp Nelson where I should have been more in the Center of the colored population of the state.

We could for the present have a larger school at Camp Nelson, in Jessamine Co, than here; but it would be entirely colored that Might do as much good for the Kingdom of Christ as this.

There are greater facilities for colored men getting land here than there. Land here is not so rich - and cost not more than one third of what it does there. Yet a school ought to be there also; for many are there, who there will remain.

The harvest is white & the laborers are few.

Yours in Christ John G. Fee

Our brother has said to us "I will be one of ten to raise ten thousand dollars for a good boarding hall". That like our school will be open to all

Your name is worth more than money, yet this you ought not to give unless you feel that God approves. J G F